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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:)
Cecil F. Motley)
Serial No.: 09/759,734)
Filed: January 12, 2001)
For: **VARIABLE RATE SPEECH**)
DATA COMPRESSION)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002 regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 14, 20, 26 and 33 to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An encoder comprising:
an epoch locator coupled to a frame assembly,
a primary epoch analyzer coupled to the epoch locator, and
a secondary epoch analyzer coupled to the primary epoch locator,
wherein the encoder compresses a plurality of signals at variable frame rates
based on a plurality of prioritized parameters to dynamically reduce signal
bandwidth while preserving perceptual signal quality.

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